Grants to NGOs

685. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) from Andhra Pradesh got grant-in -aid in the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 particularly in Cuddapah district;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of proposals from Andhra Pradesh pending for the grant of grant-in-aid under various schemes; and

(d) the list of proposals approved by Government in financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07, State-wise and NGO-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Grant in aid is released to the NGOs based upon the recommendations from the State Government. Besides, detailed report which included audited accounts, utilization certificates, annual reports, list of beneficiaries and staff is also obtained and scrutinized. The instalments of grant in aid are released after evaluation of performance of NGOs and satisfactory inspection report.

(c) 58 proposals are pending under various schemes/programmes.

(d) Statement is given below.

Statement

The proposals approved by Govt, for grant-in-aid to NGOs under various schemes

SI.No.	State/UT	Proposals of NGO approved during 2005-06	Proposal of NGO approved during 2006-07 (upto 28.2.2007)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	326	302

1	2	3	4
2.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-	-
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	2
4.	Assam	41	53
5.	Bihar	38	29
6.	Chandigarh	3	1
7.	Chhattisgarh	15	12
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1
9.	Daman & Diu	2	-
10.	Delhi	107	70
11.	Goa	3	1
12.	Gujarat	83	58
13.	Haryana	48	37
14.	Himachal Pradesh	16	13
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	9	8
16.	Jharkhand	6	2
17.	Karnataka	180	162
18.	Kerala	83	70
19.	Lakshadweep	-	-
20.	Madhya Pradesh	87	58
21.	Maharashtra	110	88
22.	Manipur	71	68
23.	Meghalaya	7	6
24.	Mizoram	2	3
25.	Nagaland	1	1
26.	Orissa	112	128
27.	Pondicherry	4	3
28.	Punjab	41	31

1	2	3	4
29.	Rajasthan	105	58
30.	Sikkim	-	-
31.	Tamil Nadu	138	115
32.	Tripura	5	7
33.	Uttar Pradesh	125	178
34.	Uttaranchal	25	18
35.	West Bengal	113	107
	TOTAL:	1909	1690

Welfare of disabled persons

†686 SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disabled persons in the country;

(b) the criteria adopted for providing employment to such persons; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any special scheme for increasing employment opportunities for disabled persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) As per census 2001 figures, there are 2.19 crored disabled persons in the country.

(b)As per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Oppotunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, three per cent reservation is provided for persons with disabilities, in vacancies in Government establishments of which one percent each is to be reserved for persons suffering from (i) blindness or low vision; (ii) hearing impairment; and (iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy.

(c) In the Union Budget 2007-08, a scheme for Employment for the Physically Challenged in the organized sector has been proposed.

†Originai notice of the question was received in Hindi.